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As it came from his Highneſs Prince *Rupert*, and His Grace the Duke of *Albemarle*.

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SUnday 22. inſtant, not without difficulty, we got the Fleet through the *Narrow*; about Six in the Evening we came to an Anchor ſhort of the *Buoy* in the *Gunfleet*, within Six Leagues of the Enemy, who came to an Anchor off of the *Sledway*.

Monday 23. Both Fleets weighed, and plyed to and again with little VVind, and that Night proved very Tempeſtuous.

Tueſday 24. It blew hard, and we were forced to keep to an Anchor till about Two in the Afternoon, and then ſtood off to the Eaſtward, and Anchored about eight Leagues from the *Neſſe*.

VVednesday 25. By two in the morning we weighed Anchor, and by Daylight we had the Enemy under our Lee: Sir *Thomas Allen* led the Van to the Eastward, with our Larboard Tacks aboard, the VVind North-East; and as soon as he came to the head of the Enemies Fleet, which was at ten of the Clock, we gave the Signal to bear in in a Line, our selves with the Red Squadron in the middle, and Sir *Jeremy Smith* with the Blew, bringing up the Rear. VVe plyed them so close, that they could not Tack upon us; and so we continued fighting till about four in the Afternoon, and then *De Ruyter* with the main Body of his Fleet gave ground, whom we pursued with the Red and VVhite Squadrons, leaving Sir *Jeremy Smith* with the Blew Squadron, engaged with *Van Tromp* and a Squadron of their Fleet. All Night we followed the Enemy, and again next Morning as soon as it was light we began the Chace, and were in great hopes of taking *De Ruyter*; but the VVind being little, he spoomed away before it, so that our smaller Fregats could hardly get up with him. And by Ten a Clock,

Clock Thurſday Morning, we had purſued them as far as the *Durlow*, which was about Eighteen Leagues, and there he lay till About two in the Afternoon; which time we were ſo near the Banks of Sand, that we could not make the Chace any farther, and *De Ruyter*, and thoſe with him, had opportunity to run into that place.

In this Chaſe we poſſeſſed us of Two of the Enemies Great Ships, the one a Vice-Admiral of 60 Guns, 24 of them Braſs, and 290 Men, commanded by *Adrian Bankaert*; The other the *Snake* of *Haerlem*, of 66 Guns, 320 Men, Commanded by *Ruart Hellibrant*; both which we ſet on fire, not being willing to ſpare any Men to bring them off, after we had taken all their Men out of them. As ſoon as we gave off purſuit of the Enemy, we called a Council of Flag-Officers, and whilſt they were with us, we diſcovered ſome Sails N. W. of us, and heard a ſhooting, which we judged to be Sir *Jeremiah Smith* fighting *Van Trump* and his Squadron: Whereupon we determined to draw off the Fleet, and ſo endeavour

to intercept them before they got into their Harbours.

Upon the Appearance of theſe Fleets, we found the Wind at N. E. they ſtanding right in, and we right out, as cloſe as we could lye, and ſtood up till we could ſee their Squadron, and Sir *Jeremiah Smith* chaſing of them: After we came fair up with them, we Tacked, and ſtood in the ſame way that they did; and about Twelve a Clock at night, came to an Anchor, taking part of the Leeward Tide, to draw them upon us; which fell out within a League, as we expected it: But by the morning we perceived Sir *Jeremiah Smith* had loſt *Van Trump* in the Night, and was now out of ſight; ſo as the VVind having varied to the Enemies Advantage, they ſtood into the Land of the Iſland of *Schawen*, towards the *Baniarts*, and we ſtood in after them with the *Royal Charles*, to ſix Fathom VVater, where now we are expecting what the Enemy will do.

This is word for word his Highneſs Prince Rupert, *and his Grace the Duke of*

of Albemarle's *Narrative of this laſt Engagement, their Modeſty in relating, equalling their Valour and Conduct in maintaining the Fight; the ſumme of which ſucceſs is, That on the 25th. the fight began with equal numbers, 90 Men of War, and 17 Fireſhips on each ſide; after five hours cloſe fighting, the greateſt body of the Enemy bore away towards their own Coaſt, and on the 26th. that body was totally broken, and beaten into their Harbours, whither the 27th. the reſt followed, broken and beaten in the ſame manner; our Fleet being Maſters, and keeping the Sea, and at this preſent lying upon their Coaſt, with the loſs of one Ship onely burnt, out of which the Captain and the men were ſaved: and this after the Enemy had bragged through the World that they had blocked up our Fleet in the River of* Thames, *and had brought a Land Army with Tooles, and all other Materials to conquer* England, *or at leaſt to ſet it on fire in all parts: What effectually the Enemies loſs was, more then is told herein, as well by Ships burnt as ſunk, of which there can be no Priſoners to tell Particulars, we ſhall know in time, though their Art in diſſembling*

bling them is alwayes admirable; and the diſ-ingenuity of their former Relations hath been ſuch, that we cannot but look that they ſhould ring their Bells, make Boneſires, and ſend Narratives to all the Courts in Chriſtendom of their great ſucceſs now. God grant them more of this kind, and let us thankfully proſtrate our ſelves before Him for the great Valour and Conduct of our Generals, and the Univerſal bravery and vigour with which all the Commanders, Seamen and Souldiers fought in this happy occaſion, for the ſervice of their King, and the Honour of His Kingdoms.

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